

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 3-6, without prejudice; amend Claims 1, 7 and 10; and add new Claims 13-15 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting device comprising:
a light guide plate in the shape of a flat plate;
a light source unit disposed on the side of the light guide plate; and
a polarization separation element disposed between the light guide plate and the light source unit, for transmitting linearly polarized light in a first polarized direction and reflecting linearly polarized light in a polarized direction normal to the first polarized ~~direction.~~ direction,
the light source unit including a pillar-shaped light guide which light exits at a first side surface, a spot light emission source disposed on the end surface of the pillar-shaped light guide, and a reflecting layer disposed on a second side surface of a prism surface opposed to the first side surface for reflecting light from the spot light emission source.

2. (Original) A lighting device according to claim 1, comprising
a phase modulation element disposed between the light source unit and the polarization separation element.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A lighting device comprising:

a light guide plate in the shape of a flat plate;

a light source unit disposed on the side of the light guide ~~plate~~; plate, which
emits linearly polarized light; and

a phase modulation element disposed between the light guide plate and the
light source unit.

8. (Original) A lighting device according to claim 7, wherein

the light source unit includes a spot light emission source and a pillar-shaped
light guide, and

the spot light emission source is disposed on the end surface of the pillar-
shaped light guide, and light exits the pillar-shaped light guide at a first side surface.

9. (Original) A lighting device according to claim 8, wherein the

second side surface opposed to the first side surface is a prism surface.

10. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel;

a lighting device including a light guide plate in the shape of a flat plate, a light source unit disposed on the side of the light guide plate, and a polarization separation element disposed between the light guide plate and the light source unit, for transmitting linearly polarized light in a first polarized direction and reflecting linearly polarized light in a polarized direction normal to the first polarized ~~direction~~ direction,

the light source unit including a pillar-shaped light guide which light exits at a first side surface, a spot light emission source disposed on the end surface of the pillar-shaped light guide, and a reflecting layer disposed on a second side surface of a prism surface opposed to the first side surface for reflecting light from the spot light emission source.

11. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, comprising a first phase modulation element disposed between the light source unit and the polarization separation element.

12. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10 or 11, comprising a second phase modulation element disposed between the liquid crystal panel and the lighting device.

13. (New) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel;

a lighting device including a light guide plate in the shape of a flat plate, and
a light source unit disposed on the side of the light guide plate, which emits
linearly polarized light, and a phase modulation element disposed between the light guide
plate and the light source unit.

14. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 13, wherein
the light source unit includes a spot light emission source and a pillar-shaped
light guide, and

the spot light emission source is disposed on the end surface of the pillar-
shaped light guide, and light exits the pillar-shaped light guide at a first side surface.

15. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein
the second side surface opposed to the first side surface is a prism surface.